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TIS THE SEASON.....

Tis the season to be jolly; and tis the season to be in a giving mood. So while you DXer's are in a givin' mood, please forward your check for the the 1984 dues (\$10.00) to KD4RH. Mr. Gary Bader, 2326 Meritt Blvd, Rock Hill, SC 29730. - Our new year begins January 1st.

1983 has indeed been a good year for the CDXA. Our membership has gone from 30 or so members to over 100. Our weekly DX exchange NET hardly missed a beat, with increasing participation every week. Our thanks to N4AXT for a monthly bulleting with interesting and informative news on the World of DX. We had (4) quarterly dinner meetings, which were well attended. A second repeater went on the air to enlarge the scope of our listening area; and we had two participating stations in the CQ WW fone contest.

So that was 1983...what about '84? BIGGER 'N BETTER, but only through your participation. There is no reason our roll cannot expand to 150 members. We are still a young organization and indeed, the 'sky's the limit'. There's even talk now of a DXpedition to the Caribbean for the ARRL DX contest.

Again, I want to thank you all for a very good year and do have a Merry Christmas.

73's & Gud DX
Ted Goldthorpe
WA4VCC

Next meeting will be held on January 20th at the Hereford Barn at 7 for cocktails & 7:30 for dinner. Program arranged by N4ZC.

FALKLAND PHANTOM

When the Argentine troopers first charged ashore at dawn on 2 April, a phantom voice in Port Stanley re-layed the events by amateur radio to listeners all over the world. One listener from Bridlington, England-8,000 miles away-heard the transmissions and established radio contact with the "Phantom Voice", as he came to be called, and maintained a daily radio link with him through-out the 73-day war.

The "Phantom Voice" was Reginald Silvey, a British lightkeeper who had lived in Port Stanley, Falklands, for 10 years. Silvey, an avid amateur radio operator, broadcasted from his home as station VP8QE before the invasion and "saw no particular reason" why he should stop after the Argentines came.

The person with whom Silvey maintained daily contact was Bob North, station G4KHR in Bridlington-on-Sea resort. By the third day after the invasion, North was being instructed by the British Ministry of Defense. Silvey relayed vital information about the Argentine troops back to England, including troop placement, harbor activity, details concerning equipment, etc.

Because Silvey was well-known in the Falklands as a ham operator, and his equipment was registered in Port Stanley, Argentine officials confiscated his radio gear a few days after the invasion. Unperturbed, he borrowed an unregistered American Atlas 210-X transmitter with a maximum output of 100 watts, and used it to transmit back to England.

The set's smallness gave it a unique advantage, however. "It was so small that it fitted neatly into a plastic shopping bag. I was able to carry it around from house to house without any of the Argies noticing," Silvey laughed. Silvey was also referred to as "The Shopping Bag Man" because of this.

The Argentines realized that someone was transmitting vital information back to England, and a detector van patrolled Port Stanley's streets each day trying to determine ----- cont.

DX AND QSL INFO.

XU1SS cards are reported to be on the way--VU7 has probably been worked by everyone as you read this---the no-code license has been voted down by the FCC---EA8RL @ 7005 from 0001 QSL via WB3CAL---QSL FB8WJ via W4FRU---QSL YI1BGD via Scientific Center, Box 5864, Baghdad, Iraq---XU1SS has shown around 14.315 @ 1100Z---5R8AL has been shipped an amp. & shows 1730 @ 21.335---

AZ5ZA, S. Orkney, 20 Dec. for 30 days 10 to 160 CW & SSB QSL via LU2A---5V7NG @ 1930 on 21.335 QSL via WB4LFM---Kermadec looks good for ten days during Feb. by a group of ZL's---F2SA in ZA 15 Jan to Feb. hopes his position as an UNESCO official will gain him permission to op.---1A0KM Dec./Jan.---KC7UU/5U7 in Jan.---W6KG/HC8 on now QSL via YASME

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR -N4AXT

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from which house the transmissions came. To fool them, Silvey went to a different house each day.

"Once in a while, they got so close that I really got nervous, and I did think about giving it up. They put the word out that they would do all sorts of nasty things if they ever found me. But it was so exciting, really.. " Silvey remembers. Besides, he felt that he needed to "do his bit".

In addition to transmitting information to England, Silvey also managed to jam the Argentines' two meter local radio setup and send false reports to Argentine Army units.

Silvey reported that he had great fun, especially since they could not figure out who was doing it. The "Phantom Voice" was great for the morale of the Britishers on the island.

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W4WMQ has asked that anyone having '81 or '82 callbooks - US or foreign - to donate them to INDXA if you have a more recent set. Murph will be at the Jan. meeting if you would like to give them to him at that time. They will be sent to DX stations that INDXA is helping get on the air.



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